

Broadband Over Power Lines is something that sounds exciting, but it seems to me that we are not looking at the whole picture. What impacts are there to licensed services, broadcast radio and the reception of low power stations, short wave broadcasters and their listeners and amateur radio operators, the backbone of backup communications to any agency when disasters strike. Hams have helped rescue people states away. With BPL, hams would not hear the call for help. Hams help the Red Cross, FEMA, the NWS and other agencies on a nearly daily basis. BPL causes so much interference that the calls from a disaster area will not be heard. Ham radio is a valuable resource and should be treated as such. Their frequencies must be protected so that they can continue to answer the calls for help that hams have been doing for more years than most of us have been around. Cheap solutions are generally just that. Cheap. This solution to providing High speed internet comes with a high price. The total pollution of radio spectrum. If it was a river this would be unacceptable. Radio spectrum needs to be protected just as a river or any other natural resource.